Zonal Office State/Union Territory covered by Zonal Office	Death Claims outstanding as at 31.3.89		Death Claims outstanding for more than 2 years as at 31.3.1989.
Central Zone	Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh	1701	61
Eastern Zone	West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, Bihar, Sikkim, Andaman & Nickobar, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura & Manipur.	1639	42
Southern Zone	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry & Lakshadweep.	4635	248
Western Zone	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.	4624	392
	Total for Corporation:	14456	826

(b) In the normal course, all death claims get disposed of within a period of 2 years, except difficult cases namely where titles or other legal disputes are involved. The Corporation endeavours to settle as many as death claims as possible within 75 days of information of death. But in respect of early death claims where investigations and calling of more requirements become necessary, efforts are made to settle claims within a period of one year from the date of information of death. In order to settle the claims expeditiously, all possible help is given by the Agents, development Officers and the officials of the Servicing Branch to the claimants in getting the requirements completed. Thus the LIC has a proper system to ensure prompt settlement of claims.

Removal of Sail Chairman

1682. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of SAIL has been removed; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a new Chairman has been appointed in his place; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir, The Chairman, SAIL retired on expiry of his tenure of appointment.

(b) and (c) While the matter of appointment of new Chairman, SAIL is in process, Vice-Chairman (Project), SAIL has been appointed to dischage the duties of the office as Acting Chairman.